

## Columbia City Landmarks



Columbia City used to be a mill town and was annexed to Seattle in 1907. It was designated a **Landmark District** in 1978. The neighborhood includes more than 40 historic commercial and residential buildings. Here is a sampling of the buildings and features that are coded on the map:

★ ★ **Columbia Park and Columbia Branch Library.** Once a ravine, the Park now serves as a "village green" and provides a scenic setting for the Colonial Revival-style building that is the local branch library.

★ **The Rainier Valley Cultural Center,** originally the Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, is a neo-Palladian building which lends classical formality to the north end of Columbia City's "village green."

★ **The Columbia Funeral Home** was built as a home in 1906 and converted to a funeral home in 1917. Although outside the boundaries of the Landmark District, it is an important part of Columbia City's historical neighborhood.

★ **The Birthplace of Columbia City** is located here. It all began when promoters pitched their tent and started selling lots. A 30 foot by 110 foot lot went for \$300, with \$10 down and \$1 per week.

★ **The Columbia Police Station** served as a multi-purpose Town Hall, housed a fire department, police station, jail, library, and school. It was completed in 1892. The Town Hall was replaced by the Columbia Police Station and is now the Southwest Youth and Family Services.

★ **The Columbia City Theater** is currently the home of an art gallery, but began as a movie theater which originally opened in 1923.

★ **The Columbia Hotel** was built as a private home in 1891, and became a hotel in 1904. It was the first brick building in Columbia City.

★ **The Ark Masonic Temple Lodge** is one of the most formal buildings in the Columbia City Landmark District. The two-story building is finished with white stucco and was built in 1921.

★ **The Columbia School,** the first in Columbia City, was built in 1892. The school was replaced in 1923 and is now an elementary school named Orca by its students.



## Community Services

- ① Hawthorne Elementary School
- ② Columbia Health Center
- ③ Rainier Community Center
- ④ Service for the Blind
- ⑤ Columbia Public Library
- ⑥ Post Office
- ⑦ Farmers Market
- ⑧ Orca Community Garden
- ⑨ Orca Elementary School
- ⑩ Neighborhood Service Center
- ⑪ Bike Works
- ⑫ Flexcar
- ⑬ SW Youth and Family Service
- ⑭ City Light/ SEED



## Transportation Resources:

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